

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

Minutes – Open Session August 16, 2019

Approved by the Board on September 20, 2019

Members	Non-Members
Risa Ganel, LCMFT, <i>Chair</i>	Kimberly B. Link, J.D., Exec. Dir.
Jeffrey M. Galecki, LCADC, LCPC, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Grant Gerber, AAG
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Aparna Ramaswamy, Ed.D., Ph.D., LCPC, ACS	Lillian Reese, Legis. Analyst Willie Harris, Metro MFT
Amanda Bechtel, LCPC, LCPAT	Robin Elliott, LCPCM
Sharon Bolden, LCADC, LCPC	Ansley Erdel, Talkspace
Sara Carlton, Consumer, <i>Absent</i>	C. Patrick LoPresto, Loyola Univ. Md./LCPC
Mark Donovan, LCADC, LCPC, <i>Absent</i>	Shannon Kakkar, Hood College, LCPC
C. Scott Frazier, III, Consumer	Janelle Beltis, Bowie State Univ., LCPC
Karen Katrinic, LCMFT, <i>Absent</i>	
Winnie Moore, LCPC	
Michael W. Nettles, LCPC	

- 9:00 a.m. Discipline Review Committee
- 9:30 a.m. Credentialing Committee
- Legs/Regs Committee

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

- I. Review/Approval of Agenda – *Approved.*
- II. Review/Approval of Open Session minutes of June 19, 2019 – *Approved. No minutes from July as the Board did not meet due to lack of quorum.*
- III. Reports:
 - A. Chair:
 - i. Notice for open LCPC seat on the board was sent via email to all licensees and posted on the board’s website, deadline to apply is September 3, 2019;
 - ii. New Board Member Orientation, October 7, 2019, at UMBC, contact Kim Link if you plan to attend;
 - iii. AASCB/NBCC Summit Report: Chair and Kim Link attended the Summit in Washington, D.C. August 7-9, 2019. Topics included: teletherapy, role of members with regard to legislators, comfort animals, CACREP, and disaster relief.

iv. Reminder to check board email regularly and to let Kim Link know if you have issues logging into the Maryland.gov email.

B. Board Counsel – No report.

C. Legislation/Regulations Committee (Bechtel):

i. Teletherapy regulations and Talkspace letter to the Board regarding allowing asynchronous communications under regulations; Committee will consider Talkspace's information; Kim Link will arrange for Talkspace representatives to make a formal presentation before the Board at an upcoming meeting;

ii. Committee's recommendations regarding LCPCM's comments to proposed LCPC regulations;

- Definition of "psychotherapy" will remain in regulations;
- Definition of "related field" will remain as written, as proposed change by LCPCM appears inconsistent with statute and overly restrictive;
- Subtopics of coursework will not appear under course topic areas;
- Agree to proposed change to definition of "supervision training", will not revise definition to specifically include LCPCM, or any other professional association, as a provider that is automatically approved in the regulations;
- Opposed to restricting the number of hours a graduate licensee can use teletherapy because that would be inconsistent with regulations of the Board of Social Work Examiners and the Board of Psychology Examiners. Also, LGPCs use of teletherapy is governed by the independent professional judgment of the LGPC and his/her supervisor.

iii. Notice regarding graduate license application submission – Notice (attached to Agenda) will be posted on the board's website and sent to all licensees via email next week;

iv. Discussion and affirmation that current regulations require one to hold an LGPC for at least two years after the award of the master's degree before the LGPC is eligible to apply for LCPC, and

v. Committee will consider regulations pertaining to out of state, licensed volunteers for disaster relief as well as incentives for licensees who volunteer in times of crisis (CEUS, waiver of fees, etc.).

D. Credentialing Committee (Bolden): Review of applications regarding various issues and circumstances, including:

i. Request for application of “grandfather” requirements to CAC-AD applicant who is currently a CSC based certain circumstances – Approved.

ii. Request by ADT applicant for consideration of degree in “conflict dispute resolution” as a “human services counseling field” as defined in the regulations. COMAR 10.58.07.02B(12) and 10.58.07.08I(1)(a) – Denied.

iii. Review of course description for co-occurring topics requirement for LGADC- Course is not acceptable.

iv. Request for waiver of 2 year requirement for LGPC – Denied.

E. Discipline Review Committee (Galecki): The committee continues to meet monthly. Kim Link continues to research complaint tracking software for discipline case management.

F. Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee (Link): No report.

IV. Old Business (Link):

A. Maryland Program Evaluation Act and Sunset Review: Sunset review will consist of a written report drafted by Kim Link and submitted to DLS by August 31, 2019; board will introduce legislation next session to extend Board termination date for 10 years.

B. Maryland Law Assessment Update: Expected to be online in September 2019.

C. Staff recruitment – Recruiting for full-time contractual investigator, continuing effort to obtain more office space.

D. Office security – Recent issues regarding staff safety and building security.

V. New Business (Link): Annual report has been filed with the Governor’s office as required by statute, posted to website and was attached to meeting agenda. Other data also compiled

by Kim Link regarding applications and licensure provided to the Board and to members of public in attendance during open session.

Motion to close Open Session. Carried. Open Session adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicki Drotleff, LCMFT, Secretary